THE COLUMBIAN MIRROR
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

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VENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be exposed for sale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water streets)

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the sale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and selling of such articles therein between the times of public sales as may be on limitation. They likewise offer their services in transacting any kind of Commission Business.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th, 1796.

PUBLIC SALES.

On Friday the 20th inst. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by Public Vendue on the premises, (if not sold by private sale before that day,) a commodious and well finished

Two Story Frame House,

situate on Water Street, adjoining the house of Mr. Absalom Roe. The lot is 31½ feet front, and 63 feet 5 inches in depth, with the use of a 3 feet alley, in common with the possessor of the corner lot. The house is 30 feet square, built for the accommodation of two families, with separate kitchens and necessaries—with two rooms and fire places on each flour of the different apartments. The whole is now under rent at the rate of 100l. per ann. further particulars will be made known previous to the sale.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

January 12.

For Charter,

THE BRIG

Virginia,

Burthen 300 hhds of tobacco.—For term apply to

SHREVE & LAWRASON.

Who have for sale—Queen's ware in crates, well assorted; glass ware; double Gloucester cheese in hampers; Liverpool salt in sacks and loose; pipes in boxes; pearl barley in kegs; barr lead; candles by the box

Oct. 18. tf.

Bank of Alexandria.

January 2, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stock Holders of the Bank of Alexandria, that a dividend of five per cent on the Capital Stock of the Bank, for the half year, ending this day is declared, and will be ready to be paid to them, or their representatives, on Thursday next the 5th inst.

By order of the President & Directors.

GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

P. S. Those shares that have been subscribed since the 5th of July last, are entitled to a proportionate dividend.

GURDEN CHAPIN.

Wanted Immediately,

AN Overseer on the shares, on Shanandoah river, to work ten fellows with good horses, &c. found. The land is very good, and a very good share will be allowed any person that may suit, will no doubt produce satisfactory testimony of his ability honesty, sobriety and industry. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Korn and Wiseniller, Alexandria, or to John Hotker on Shenandoah river, Frederick County.

Nov 25. 3m ep.

Very great Bargains.

THE public are informed that the Goods remaining on hand at the Store under the direction of the subscriber, opposite to Mr. Knight's tavern will henceforth be sold at prices reduced below the very moderate terms at which they have heretofore been sold. The proprietors being desirous of closing the sales speedily, will accomodate retailers with credit.

Wm. HICKMAN.

January 7. tf

WHEREAS Jonathan Holmes on the 30th January 1797, by deed, bearing date on that date, did convey to Joseph Lewis, Jun. his heirs and assigns, a large convenient distillery with four large stills, well proportioned in their size, and with a copper boiler, and a sufficient number of tubs. Also, one horse mill, and a large commodious bake house, with three acres of land, situate in the county of Loudoun, known by the name of Gum Spring, in trust for the payment of 350l. to the said Lewis, his heirs and assigns, on the 1st of January 1797, and for the payment of the like sum on the 1st of January, 1798, with power of re-entering by said Lewis, his heirs or assigns, in case any one of the said sums of money should not be punctually paid, and of making sale of aforesaid property at public auction, or so much thereof as would raise the money due an in arrear. And whereas the said Lewis by deed duly executed and recorded, did assign all his right to the aforesaid property to John O'Farrall, who in like manner, did assign the same to us, and whereas we have called on said Holmes for the first payment, and he acknowledged that he paid no part, and that he knew not when he should have it in his power. Wherefore we the subscribers, by our partner, Alexander Grant, made entry into the aforesaid premises. Be it then known, that on the 21st February next, we according to the powers and trust vested in us by said conveyances, shall at the Gum Spring, at public sale, sell the whole of aforesaid property, or so much thereof, as will raise the money due.

HACKET & GRANT.

Leesburg, January 17, 1797.

LOST

BY the subscriber about the 25th ult. A SILVER WATCH, with a gold chain and key hanging thereto—upon the face of the watch, as likewise upon the works is the name of Charles R. Scott. Ten dollars will be given to any person returning the watch and chain at the store of Mr. John Norwood, King Street. If offered for sale it is requested it may be stopped.

N. B. If it has been sold by any person, the person to whom it may have been sold will confer an obligation by stepping forward, and announcing the person who may have sold it.

GEORGE STOVIN, Jun.

January 17 tw

Caution.

I HEREBY caution the public against purchasing or taking an assignment from Messrs. Clingman & M'Gaw of Alexandria, of nine bonds given by me to them, payable the first in October next, and the others one in each succeeding October. These bonds having been improperly obtained and no value given—I will not pay them unless compelled by law.

SPENCER GRAYSON, Jun.

January 17 2w

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the Partnership of ROBERT YOUNG & CO. hath this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and the books of said concern removed to the office of Philip Richard Fendall, wherein future all concerned will apply. It is earnestly requested that all those who have claims will exhibit them for adjustment on or before the first day of April next, so that the whole amount may be ascertained, and some mode proposed for their ultimate discharge.

All those indebted to the said concern are earnestly requested to discharge the same without delay.

The Store and Warehouse occupied by Robert Young & Co. will be let for 6 years, or their right therein sold for that term.

ROBERT YOUNG,
PHILIP R. FENDALL.

January 17. tf

Twenty Dollars Reward.

STOLEN or Strayed from this place, about the 1st inst. a large BLACK HORSE, about seven years old, 15½ hands high, white feet and face, shod all round.—I will give the above reward on delivery of the Horse to me, and prosecuting the thief to conviction, or five dollars for the Horse only.

Jan. 17. ARCH. DOBBIN

To be Let,

And entered upon immediately.

THE House and lot on Cameron Street, next to Mr. Gadsby's (late Mr. Wise's) Tavern, lately occupied by Mr. Nathaniel Washington. For particulars enquire of Dr. James Craik, or to the subscriber in the City of Washington.

TOBIAS LEAR.

January 3. 1m

FOR SALE,

7000 acres of Kentucky Land. — Messrs. Nicholson and Morris's notes will be taken in payment,

Also,—some gold and silver Watches.

Apply to

Wm. GROVERMAN.

January 3.

For Sale.

A TRACT of land containing 116 acres, lying on Cameron Run, distant about 5 miles from Alexandria. The situation is on many accounts eligible—It is remarkably healthy, a convenient distance from the great Newgate road, and commands a pleasing view of the greater part of the valley, through which the Cameron beautifully winds its course. This tract is well proportioned with respect to timber, upland and meadow ground, and has on it such improvements as might be easily adapted for immediate residence. For further particulars apply to

THEOPHILUS HARRIS.

January 8. tf

COGNIAC Brandy, Hollands Geneva, } in pipes.
Liverpool fine Lisbon, and Alum } Salt,
Spanish Hides, &c.

FOR SALE BY

Fletcher & Otway.

December 31.

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber a negro fellow named WILLIAM JACKSON, he is about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, about 27 or 28 years of age—had on when he went away a dark bottle green coat and waistcoat, a pair of velvet breeches, a pair of speckled worsted stockings and thick fox'd shoes with double vamps, he served his time at the cooper's business—he has worked a few months with me at baking. He possibly will endeavor to pass for for a free man, as I understand he has got forged papers for that purpose. It is supposed he is gone towards Baltimore. Whoever apprehends him and brings him to me, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid.

THOMAS CRANDELL.

December 31.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having open accounts upon the subscriber's Books, are requested to come forward and discharge, or give bonds for the same before the first day of February next, otherwise suits will be commenced after that time, against those who fail to comply. Mr. Wm. M'Mechen, my partner, is authorised to act for me in my absence.

GEORGE HUNTER.

George Hunter and Co.

Are well supplied with all kind of

GOODS,

To suit the present season, which they will sell at the most reduced prices to punctual customers. Dec. 29.

Hollands Gin,

Just received, and for sale by the subscriber,

14 pipes choice old Hollands GIN, of a most excellent quality.

J. G. LADD.

LISBON WINE

In Pipes, Hogsheads and Quarter-casks,
For Sale by
KEMP HURST and CO.

Nov. 10.

Flour Store.

THOMAS PETERKIN will Store Flour for any length of time, at six pence per barrel, in the warehouse lately occupied by James M. M'Rea and Co. adjoining Messrs. Shreve and Lawrason,

Where he has for sale,

Coarse and Fine Salt, West India & N. E. Rum, Loaf & Brown Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Indigo, and Salt Petre, London Porter in hampers, Queen's Ware in crates, Tanner's Oil, 3d, and 4d. Nails, fine bushel sacks twill'd, 100 barrels Tar.

JAMES KENNEDY,

KING-STREET,

RETURNS his sincere thanks to those who have been pleased to favour him since his commencement in business, and respectfully acquaints them, that for the accommodation of such of his friends as may live in that quarter he has opened store at the corner of Prince and Water streets adjoining the Vendue, where he purposes to keep a general assortment of Goods in the Wet Good line of the best quality, and at the most reasonable rates. He has at present a variety of best and freshest teas—in particular fine Padra Souchong much esteemed in Europe—Sugars, Coffee, Chocolate, Spirits, Wine, Fruits, refined Saltpetre, and mould candles of a superior quality. In a few days he expects to have a general assortment of Glass and Queen's Ware, with which he will be constantly supplied.

The business will be carried on in King street as usual; where he has for sale a number of French and English Books of the first reputation in various branches of literature.

January 5. 1m

NOTICE.

THE Partnership of MATTHEW ROBINSON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent, all those who have any claims against the same, will please to apply as speedily as possible, and those who are indebted to us are requested to make payment to Matthew Robinson, who will settle all accounts and transactions of the above partnership.

MATTHEW ROBINSON,
JOHN WHITE.

N. B. The business in future will be carried on by Matthew Robinson, who has on hand a good assortment of Wet and Dry Goods, with a general assortment of Stone and Glass ware, which he will sell upon the lowest terms for cash or the usual credit.

January 7. tw

NOTICE.

HAVING left the Continent for the West Indies, for a few months, I have authorised Mr. Peter Desnoes as my agent for transacting the business carried on by me in this town. Those to whom I am indebted are desired to call on him for payment; and those who are indebted to me, will please to pay their respective balances to him.

F. VIVENT.

Said Peter Desnoes, will rent the store and cellar, lately occupied by me in King-street, and has for sale on the usual credit, 19 puncheons of 3d and 4th proof Antigua Rum. December 8. tf

ATTORNEY AND AGENT BUSINESS.

GEORGE MUIR, a Member of the faculty of Procurators in Glasgow, and a Notary Public in Scotland, and who for many years practised as an Attorney and Agent in Glasgow, offers his services to the Public in that line of business.

He will write out Powers of Attorney, Indentures, Bonds, Leases, &c. and in particular, any Deeds to have effect in Scotland, on reasonable terms.

He will collect debts, and transact any other business as an agent on a moderate commission.

Apply to him at the Rev. Dr. Muir's, Alexandria.

November 24.

UNION BREWERY.

Strong & Table Beer

is now ready to be delivered to purchasers at the Union Brew-House.

The Columbian Mirror
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

DEBATE

On the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the unsettled Balances due from individual States to the United States.

CONCLUDED FROM OUR LAST.

Mr. W. Smith wished to observe in reference to what had fallen from the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Livingston) respecting that state not being bound by the decision of commissioners because the state had not consented to the settlement. He would remark, that, besides the co-operation of the representatives of that state, they appointed an agent to bring forward their claims which certainly shewed their acquiescence to the proceeding. Mr. S. said he was surprised to hear gentlemen dwell so much upon the injustice of the proceedings of the commissioners, and upon the improper claims admitted, since he did not know how they could have come at their knowledge on the subject, since those proceedings had never been made public. With respect to the unfortunate frigate which had been alluded to by the gentleman from New-York, he could say that the state of S. Carolina was then paying for that frigate, and that it was not charged to the United States as had been insinuated.

The committee rose, and on leave being asked to sit again.

Mr. Harper hoped leave would not be given.—He would not repeat reasons for wishing this, as he had already laid them before the committee of the whole.

Mr. Baldwin relied upon it that leave would be given for the committee to sit again. It would be in fact to pursue the idea which the gentleman himself had lately expressed. The resolution under consideration is commencing the negociation with the states which he had recommended. Mr. B. expressed great confidence that nothing would be necessary but to commence this negociation, and that the states would at least discover a satisfactory disposition. If it was true, as had been contended by some members, that the general board of commissioners had conducted the business badly, or that they were wicked or corrupted, or if it should be thought by the states that they had proved themselves unequal to the work, as some seemed to suppose, which would set aside their award, the sooner it is known the better, that measures may be taken to form a new board and begin the matter anew. He persuaded himself when they communicated with the states, it would be found there was not one which would desire such a measure. When he recalled the recollection of the manner in which the whole war had been carried on without any rule of apportionment or any settlement of accounts between the states, and the ill-humour which had grown out of it, constantly aggravated by the yearly calls on the states for monies to support the old union, he was sure that no person who was a witness to the transactions of those times, would have a wish to see them repeated. The amount was so great, and the whole so perplexed, as well as irritating, that the friends to the peace and union of the country have perhaps never experienced so critical and anxious a period. The delegates used to bring forward their own state's claim, warmed by local zeal and private interest, and the councils of the union were for years agitated by the violence and passions of parties settling their own old disputed accounts. Experience seemed to have convinced every body, that no settlement could ever be made in that way, that some persons must be clothed with the character of judges, and the whole put over into their hands.

In October, 1786, the ordinance for this purpose first passed. He believed it would be found by the journal that it passed unanimously. He had never himself been witness to any public measure which seemed to take off such a pressure from the mind of every one, or which was received with such enthusiasm. The measure was so popular and satisfactory, that it was thought expedient the next year to extend the provisions, and give larger powers of chancery to the general board. The final ordinance on this subject was then passed. He believed it would be found in the journal about May 6th, 1787, and that this was also unanimous. After the formation of the government under the present constitution, the same disposition continued, and the act just read by the gentleman from South-Carolina, (Mr. Smith) was passed. If he mistook not, this was also without opposition.

These things, said he, are not unknown in the several states; the men who were concerned in these times and events are not all dead. He believed when they should communicate with the different state legislatures, these men would not be backward to shew themselves, and to shew that they were still of the same mind, and faithful to their engagements. Though some individuals in this house appear to be quite fresh on the subject, as if they had made fresh discoveries, and seem disposed to begin anew, and say all they know about the S. Carolina frigate, Penobscot expedition, sea coast guards, military bounties, rules of quotaing, &c. &c. which had been for months, and almost for years, the subjects of general scramble, he had no apprehensions that there would be found in the states any disposition to revive those disgraceful scenes. However, if the states choose to go over the business again, the sooner it is known the better. This can only be done by writing to them as the present resolution proposes. If they mean to abide by the present settlement, and yet state inconveniences in complying with it, they who had served most with him knew, he had not often been an advocate for intemperance in public measures.—He should not forbear to mention, that there was one part of the subject which gave to him the most unpleasant sensations, and that was, where a state had, in a manner which he thought was not to be justified, obtained an advance from our treasury, certificates to the amount of one million two hundred thousand dollars, in the assumption, before the settlement of the accounts, upon a false presumption that we were indebted to them, when they were indebted to us a million of dollars. He should never believe, until he had seen the attempt made, that they could be reluctant in returning to our treasury, the million two hundred thousand dollars in certificates, which had in fact been advanced to them by mistake, or that they could expect in such circumstances the other states to submit to a direct tax to raise money to pay them a quarterly interest on those certificates.

Mr. Livingston could not permit it to go out to the world, in the account of this day's debates, that he, or any of his colleagues, had made use of such expressions as charging the commissioners with being wicked or corrupt, or with being bribed. Such expressions had neither fallen from him nor his colleagues. He had the highest respect for one of them who was since dead; but still he believed that men with the best intentions, might have admitted improper charges to an immense amount. Indeed if it were determined that the states should be called on for the balances, he should bring forward a resolution to the effect, and shew the grounds upon which his suspicions were founded.

The committee had leave to sit again.

Adjourned.

FROM EUROPE.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 3.

LORD MALMESBURY.

TRANSLATION OF THE CREDENTIALS GIVEN TO LORD MALMESBURY.

(The Original is in Latin.)

GEORGE REX.

"George, by the grace of God, king of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting—Seeing that the flame of war has for a long time raged in different parts of the globe, deeply occupied with the project of terminating regularly so many quarrels and dissentions, of restoring and consolidating the public tranquility: resolved for this purpose to chuse a man capable of a negotiation of this importance, and to invest him with *full* authority to complete so great a work, be it known, that the fidelity, talents, genius, perspicuity, and experience of our faithful and dear counsellor, James Baron Malmesbury, knight of the most honorable order of the Bath, inspiring us with full confidence, we have named him, and he is appointed and constituted our true, certain, and accredited commissary and plenipotentiary, giving, and conceding him, in all respects, *full and entire* power, faculty, and authority; charging him besides with our general and special orders to confer, on our part, and in our name, with the ministers, commissioners, and plenipotentiaries of the French republic, sufficiently invested with equal authority, as well as with the ministers, commissioners, or plenipotentiaries of the other Princes or States who may take part in the present negotiation, also invested with the same authority; to treat either separately or together; to confer upon the means of establishing a solid and durable peace, amity, and sincere concord; and to adopt all resolutions and conclusions; to sign for us, and in our name, all the said conventions and conclusions; to make in consequence, every treaty or treaties, and all other acts, as he shall judge necessary; to deliver and receive mutually, all other objects, relative to the fortunate execution of the above mentioned work; to transact with the same force and with the same effect as we should be able to do if we assisted in person; guaranteeing, and on our royal word promising, that all and each of the transactions and conclusions which shall be made and determined by our said plenipotentiary shall be made and agreed upon, ratified, accepted and adopted with the best faith; that we shall never suffer any one, either in whole or in part, to infringe and act contrary to them; and in order to give every thing more security and force, we have signed the present with our royal hand, and affixed to it the great seal of Great-Britain.

"Given in our Palace at St. James's 13th October, year of Grace, 1796, and of our Reign the 47th."

ARMY OF ITALY.

The reverses which have been so often said to have been experienced by the army of Italy, and as often contradicted by the victories of Buonaparte, are only the falsehoods of royalists and stockjobbers, who make it a means of deceiving credulous men.

The enemies of the Republic, the Royalists and Anarchists, unite their efforts in giving credit to every report which may cause uneasiness to all good citizens, the real friends of Government.

The reports of a sortie by Wurmser, with a part of the troops shut up in Mantua, and his pretended success over the Republicans, are of the same nature.

Buonaparte, ever victorious, and master of Italy, beholds, and could behold only as prisoners, Wurmser and his army. The Corsican expedition proves strongly the superiority of the forces which he commands.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TOULON FLEET.

TRIESTE, OCTOBER 7.

Letters have been received here, which state that the French fleet, consisting of 12 ships of the line, 12 frigates, and 4 brigantines, had sailed from Toulon, and fallen in, near the Hieres Isles, with the British fleet of 20 ships of the line, 3 frigates, and 2 cutters, under Admiral Jarvis. An engagement took place, in which two French ships of the line were sunk, two dismalted, and a great part of the rest taken. The English fleet, these letters add, had two ships of the line dismalted, and two frigates burnt, of the crews of which only 25 men were saved. Admiral Jarvis sailed with the ships he has taken, to St. Florenzo, in Corsica.

Note of the Hamburg editor.—Tho' this account seems so circumstantial, it appears very suspicious, as the latest letters from Toulon, Genoa, and Leghorn, mention nothing of any engagement.

DOMESTIC.

FROM THE BOSTON CENTINEL.

MR RUSSELL,

IF the following extract from a Sermon, delivered in this town the 15th of December, should find a place in the Centinel, it would gratify

MANY.

THE EXTRACT.

"*Opposition to government in this country would be in the highest degree unreasonable, because it would be opposition to our own work. To reproach rulers whom we have made, and whose existence depends on our voice, would be to reproach our own wisdom.*

The enemies of true liberty, and of the peace of society, are never more likely to exercise their wicked designs, than they are when by falshood and art, they find themselves able to alienate the people from their rulers. When this work is so far done, that foreign courts, and foreign money can direct the election of men to the highest offices, all pretentions to liberty must be given up.

That state or nation which is controuled by such a influence, has no dignity of character remaining:—And it will not be long before those who thus secretly direct their measures will openly claim the rights of masters.

I have taken the liberty to speak thus openly, because the present age of our political existence, appears to me extremely critical.

If Americans, agreeable to the advice of that illustrious man who lately conducted our armies, and now presides with unequalled dignity, take care to support unity, and good affection, they will be respected every where: But should they seperate in angry parties, and suffer any foreign powers whatever, to direct their measures, they will sink into contempt, and become a most wretched people.—God forbid this should be the case! Better would it have been, that we had never tasted the sweets of liberty, than so soon to be deprived of the inestimable blessing.

When we see a family dwelling together in love, and quietly enjoying the fruits of their industry, should we not feel our indignation rise against the man who endeavoured to make divisions, and who by wicked insinuations at last,

prevailed on the children, to treat their father with disrespect.

But while the man would deserve contempt who could be guilty of exciting jealousy among natural connections, and destroying the peace of families, he who undertakes to make divisions in society, and alienate the people from rules who have faithfully served them, will draw upon him the highest resentment.

But whatever wischiefs of this kind may have been attempted in our country, little we hope has been effected. The Legislature of several of the States have already, and it is presumed, as they shall have opportunity, all in the union, will express their high approbation of the President, in his endeavours to preserve the peace and tranquility of America, while the most powerful nations of Europe are convulsed, and are exerting all their powers, in the awful work of destroying one another.

It is extremely regretted, that the man whom America *and the most celebrated nations on the earth have delighted to honor, finds it necessary to retire from his public station, at a time, when all his wisdom, his prudence, and fortitude would find full employ in the service of his country.*

But he retires with dignity. He completes his course, and withdraws from the view of the world, like the sun at the close of the day. Nor shall a few noxious vapors, raised by the heat of intemperate regions, in any measure obscure the mild radiance of his decline."

FROM A MASSACHUSETTS PAPER.

GRATITUDE TO FRANCE.

The deceitful plea, that we owe the debt of gratitude to France to such an amount that we cannot pay it, and are bound to lay our independence at her feet, to be trod into the mire of contempt, has been sung, and said, and toasted by all the fools drunk and sober, who would work without wages, and by all the knaves who would not, until the country people at last are sick of the imposition. Do we owe, as our traitors allege, our very country to France? So far from it, Vergennes did all he could to prevent Mr. Oswald from agreeing to have our country ceded to us at the Peace.—On the contrary, he desired to pare the states close to the bone, and to confine our limits to the Ohio.—Franklin was his dupe; John Adams and John Jay his successful opposers.

Another lying claim to gratitude is, that we owe our Independence to France. The fact is, the Compt de Vergennes tried all the arts of a wily courtier, to embarrass the acknowledgement of our Independence. The plain reason was this, France preferred clipping our wings to letting them grow. It has been said in Europe that we could not govern ourselves, and, like a good ally, she was resolved to do us that favour.—Accordingly Genet has attempted it, and now Adet is doing the like; and we have a degenerate number, some hired, and some made fools of, who uphold this Frenchman in his outrageous proceedings. But the affair is not like to prosper, for Americans begin to respect themselves as a nation, and to spurn the idea of being a French Colony.

Ten Dollars Reward.

WILL be given for apprehending negro AARON, the property of the subscriber, living near Leesburg, who absconded about Christmass last.—Aaron is 22 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, well proportioned, his clothes uncertain.—He took with him a brown cloth sailor's jacket, with hightopped metal buttons, corduroy or thickset overalls, &c. The above reward will be given to any person who will secure him in any jail, and reasonable charges paid if brought home.

JOHN SAUNDERS.

January 9.

I HAVE six good Waggon Horses, some of which are fit for the saddle, that I wish to sell, and will take a reasonable price for them.

JOHN GILL.

Alexandria, January 19.

William Herbert, Esq. has been re-elected President of the Bank of Alexandria; and John T. Ricketts, Esq. has been chosen Director to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Exclusive of the fire mentioned under the Savannah head, two attempts were also made to burn the remaining part of that unfortunate city:—one on the evening preceding the fire; the other on the evening of it:—a timely discovery, however, happily arrested the intended devastation.——These circumstances fully evince the truth of former suspicions; and call loudly for Watchfulness throughout the different towns and cities of the Union.

By the ship Alexander Hamilton, arrived at New-York from Liverpool, papers were received to the 16th November.

It appears that a fleet of 15 sail of the line, badly manned and equipped, was at Brest, ready to sail—destination unknown—and it is said 60,000 men are collected—whether for Ireland or Portugal is uncertain.

Sir Ralph Abercrombie, in the Arethusa, sailed for the West-Indies, November 15.

It was reported in London, that Sir Gilbert Elliot is a prisoner in Corsica.

The Prince of Wurtemburg, the intended spouse of the Princess Royal, has arrived in England.

The whole of Moreau's army has crossed the Rhine, except a division in Kehl and its environs. The whole loss of that army in Germany in stated (in London papers) at 30,000 men.

It is said Lord Malmesbury has sent two couriers, with important dispatches to the Emperor.

A passenger in the Prince Edward, saw a London paper at Deal, of the 28th ult. A paragraph in which stated, that 80,000 troops and 18 ships of the line were lying at Brest, preparatory to an intended invasion of Great-Britain, should the negociation fail.

The French have long contented themselves with talking about this favourite expedition.

Some disrespectful paragraphs having appeared in a Paris paper, relative to the mission of Lord Malmesbury, his Lordship complained of this to the directory, as an insult—and was answered—as it is said, that, that body held no authority to controul the French papers.

From every thing we have been able to collect, it is thought, that the French Directory will not listen to such terms as Great Britain may condescend to grant; in short, that there is, on the whole, little prospect of an early peace.

[ARGUS.]

Denomination and value of coins issued from the Mint of the United States, from the commencement of the establishment, to November 24, 1796.

GOLD.—8,825 eagles, 12,106 half eagles, 66 quarter eagles, total value 149,445 dollars.

SILVER.—272,941 dols. 323,144 half dollars, 5,894 quarter dollars, 22,135 dimes, 96,646 half dimes, value 443,032 dollars and 30 cents.

COPPER.——2,040,733 cents, 258,014 half cents, value 21,297 dols. and 40 cents.

There has been deposited at the mint (for coinage) from the commencement of the establishment to Nov. 24, 1796—10,970 ounces, 10 penny weights, and 10 grains of gold bullion, gross weight; being 9,837 ounces and 14 grains, standard weight—and of silver bullion, 416,892 ounces and 18 penny weights, gross weight; being 402,502 ounces and 16 penny weights, standard weight.

Agreeable to a plan laid before Congress of a direct tax of one million four hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars, to be laid upon the United States, the apportionment of the several states is as follow:

	Dollars.
To the state of Vermont,	28,000
New-Hampshire,	56,000
Massachusetts,	196,000
Rhode-Island,	28,000
Connecticut,	98,000
New-York,	140,000
New-Jersey,	70,000
Pennsylvania,	182,000
Delaware,	14,000
Maryland,	112,000
Virginia,	266,000
Kentucket,	28,000
North Carolina,	140,000
Tennessee,	14,000
South Carolina,	84,000
Georgia,	28,000
Amount to	1,484,000
From which there being deducted for abatements, erroneous assessments and charges of collection, 15 per cent, or	222,000
There will remain the estimated net proceeds of the proposed tax, being	1,262,000

By Post.

RICHMOND, JANUARY 13.

Yesterday forenoon a fire broke out in this city, in the house occupied by Daniel Timmings, Tallow Chandler, on the east side of the bridge, opposite Samuel Ege's stone-house; it immediately communicated to the adjoining two story house, both of which were consumed—but, by the great exertions of the citizens in cutting away the house of David Loggan, Shoe-maker, on the west, with the assistance of the engine, the fire was got under without further injury.—Too much credit cannot be given to every description of our citizens, who instantly repaired from different parts of the city to the scene, and rendered every service in their power.

NORFOLK, JAN. 9.

Yesterday arrived here the schooner Polly, Captain N. Kirly, in 11 days from the Havanna. Through the politeness of the captain and passengers we are enabled to lay before our readers the following particulars.

That War was proclaimed at the Havanna on the 15th of November; an embargo took place on the 18th, which was not taken off till the 24th of December. A proclamation was issued by the Governor of the Havanna on the 19th of December, ordering all British subjects, not naturalized, to quit the island of Cuba in 8 days; and those who were naturalized, by virtue of the act of toleration, were to be furnished with passports to retire to the cities of Bijacal or Santiago, there to remain till an opportunity offered to ship them off the island.

SAVANNAH, DECEMBER 27.

Yesterday morning between one and two o'clock, a fire broke out in the house occupied by Mr. James M'Intosh and Capt. E. Swarbreck.—Fortunately most of each family were in the lower story, by which means they had just time to make their escape into the street, with no other cloathing than what they had lain in. Mr. and Mrs. M'Intosh, their child, and Miss Read were sleeping in the upper story, and when at length, they were awakened by the noise below, they could see no prospect of escape—such volumes of smoke had filled the house, that they could not find the stair case; add to this, they believed the lower part of the house in flames. Thus situated, they must have perished, but for the exertions of Mr. R. Fisher, who ran up stairs, and at the risk of his own life, rescued them from the flames.—Mr. M'Intosh found means to escape by jumping from an upper window. Upon examination, it appeared that the house must have been set on fire by some wicked incendiary, as the fire originated under the lower floor, in two distinct places. This fire, though it was prevented from extending any farther than the one burnt, in the occupation of the above gentlemen, was to them a most dreadful event, as they did not save a single article from the flames.

Yesterday arrived the schooner Larker, Capt. Lightburn, in 5 days from New-Providence—We learn by said vessel, that an armed schooner had arrived there from Bermuda, commissioned to cruise against the Spaniards, and had brought with her a number of blank commissions, in consequence of which several privateers were immediately fitted out, and in the course of a few days brought in a number of valuable prizes, consisting of 2 ships, 1 brig, 3 schooners, and a sloop, all of which had specie on board to a large amount—the brig had 10,000 dollars. Two days previous to Capt. Lightburn's departure, a brig had arrived from London, in 42 days, and brought intelligence of the prospect of a speedy and general peace, owing to which most of the privateers were laid up, and the above mentioned specie, deposited in the Custom-House.

Valuable Lands,

AND OTHER PROPERTY IN LOUDOUN COUNTY FOR SALE, ON CREDIT.

Will be sold to the highest bidder at the plantation near Centerville, (commonly called Newgate,) in Loudoun county, whereon James Hardage Lane formerly lived, on Wednesday the 22nd March next, if fair, if not, the next fair day,

All the real and personal

Estate of the said James Hardage Lane, deceased, (except the Kentucky land,) consisting of two tracts of Land, six valuable Slaves, Stock of every kind, Household Furniture, and Plantation utensils. One of the tracts of land joins the town of Centerville, and contains between 3 and 400 acres with tolerable improvements, on which there is thirty two bushels of wheat sowed. The other tract contains about the same quantity of land, at between two and three miles distance, and is remarkably well timbered, however a particular description is considered unnecessary, as those who may incline to become purchasers will no doubt inform themselves, which they may do by applying to Mr. Wm. Lane, one of the devisees, who lives near the land, and will shew it when required.

A credit of nine months will be allowed on all sums amounting to fifty dollars or upwards, on the purchasers giving bond with approved security; to bear interest from the date, if not punctually paid;—for all sums under the above ready money will be required.

N. B. The sale will continue from day to day, till all is sold.

All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and all who have demands thereon are desired to bring them forward, properly authenticated, at or before the day of sale, that they may be discharged. GEORGE LANE, Executor of James Hardage Lane, dec.

January 19. 1m

For Sale.

A TRACT of land in Fairfax county, whereon I live, containing about eleven hundred acres, it is within twenty miles of George-Town, Alexandria, and Dumfries, and within five of Centerville. The land is as fertile as any in the county, is extremely well watered. There is about 500 acres in woods; it abounds in white oak, red oak, and poplar timber—there is likewise a good mill seat on Popes head run, whereon the land adjoins for some miles, and affords near one hundred acres of fine low ground fit for meadow—the situation is remarkably healthy. There are two plantations with good apple orchards on each, and middling improvements with a new house not yet finished, with two rooms below and two above, with a good cellar. An indisputable title will be made, and possession given to the purchaser, agreeable to contract, by

THOMAS POLLARD.

Fairfax, Jan. 19.

NOTICE.

CAME to the subscriber's farm adjoining the town of Alexandria, a small brindle COW, which gives milk.—She has small thin horns with holes bored in each, a star in her forehead, white tail, and some white under her belly.—The owner is requested to prove property, and take her away, only paying the expence of this advertisement. B. DADE.

Lockabour, Jan. 19. 3w1w

FOR SALE,

A FEW DINING SETS OF ELEGANT

NANKEEN CHINA,

consisting of 188 pieces each.

Liverpool and Cadiz salt in bulk; and salt in sacks—

100 quarter chests Teas of different kinds—

60 puncheons Jamaica, W. Island and continental Rum—

Madeira, Sherry, Lisbon, Teneriffe, Malaga, Corsica and Port Wines, in hhds. pipes and quarter-casks—

French brandy, Holland gin, London bottled porter—

Loaf sugar in barrels, Muscovado sugars—

Coffee—

Cotton in bags.

Rice, indigo, fig blue, copperas, madder rosin, best mustard in bottles, pepper, pimento, nutmegs, mace, cloves, cassia, capers, olives in bottles and jars, anchovies in jugs.

Soal leather of the best quality—Salt-petre, refined and crude—white and brown soap, dipped and mould candles of Philadelphia manufacture—race and ground ginger—Leiper's snuff of different qualities in bladders and bottles.

Also, one box of 7-8 and one do. 4-4 Irish linen, well assorted.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

October 19. tf

GEORGE DRINKER and SAMUEL STANSBURY having entered into partnership under the firm of

Drinker and Stansbury,

In the store formerly occupied by George Drinker, have now opened a general assortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery and Brass Wares, Castings, &c.

White Lead Ground in Oil
Spanish Brown do. do.
Yellow Ochre do. do.

Red lead; Prussian blue; patent yellow vermilion; verdigrise; chalk; whiting and putty; 7-8, 8-10, 9-11 and 10-12 window glass; powder and shot; copal and common varnish; spirits of turpentine; hatters trimmings; aqua fortis; quick silver; logwood and glue; white soap; mould and dipp'd candles; slates; brushes; corks, &c. &c.

ALSO,

A small assortment of DRY GOODS wholesale, consisting of cloths, cassimers, muslins, hosiery, modes, nankeens ribbons &c. July 14

Rob. Patton & Ch. Scott

HAVE received by sundry vessels from Europe, their Fall supply of Goods, which they are now opening for sale, at their Wholesale Store, King-street.

N. B. They have single and double F Gun-powder, which they will sell by the quantity or cask. Seine Twine by the bundle or larger quantity.

November 5.

Jackson & Dunnington,

HAVE just received and for sale, at their Store in King Street,

A Small Assortment of

HARDWARE,

Consisting of

Copper and Iron Tea Kettles, Gridirons, Chaffing Dishes, Box Coffee Mills, Pad Locks, Frying Pans, Spades and Shovels, Razor Straps, Shaving Boxes, Shoe and Hearth Brushes, best steel plate Hand Saws, Carpenter's Rules, Powder and Shot, Gun Worms, Shovels and Tongs, 8d. 10d. 12d. and 20d. Nails, &c. &c.

November 22.

Andrew & Wm. Ramsay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, via. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter casks of

PORT WINE,

of a very superior quality which they now offer for sale at their warehouse, King-street.

They have also on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter casks. Lisbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter casks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well assorted bar iron.

Dec. 6. tf

Blank Manifests for sale at this Office.

UNION TAVERN.

UNION-STREET, ALEXANDRIA.

Samuel Hilton,

FROM the Federal City, respectfully informs his friends, and those who were frequenters of the above Tavern, lately occupied by Mr. Gadsby, of his having this day opened it, for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Alexandria, and travellers in general, where every exertion will be used, and attention paid, to merit a share of their favours.

Gentlemen boarded by the month or year. Rich Soups every day from 10 to 1 o'clock.

Dinners for private parties dressed at the shortest notice.

Good stabling for Horses.

☞ Wanted, an experienced Cook, to whom generous wages will be given.

December 27.

JUST RECEIVED,

AND FOR SALE BY

Wm. Hartshorne & Sons,

FIVE bales of 3 bushel sacks,
6 sets of elegant China,
250 casks of best New-York Stone Lime,
30 barrels of Tar, and a few puncheons of 4th proof Jamaica Rum.

Also on hand,

Best Swedish and country made Bar Iron,
St. Ubes Salt,
James River Coal,
3d and 4d Nails in casks of 25 and 50 thousand each,
A few bushels warranted Clover seed,
Camboose of a good size,
And a quantity of Rugs.

December 13.

FALL GOODS.

Joseph Riddle & Co.

HAVE IMPORTED

In the ship Henry from London, the ships Two Sisters, the Maria Margaretta, the Catharine, and the Virginia, from Liverpool,

A VERY GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

PIECE GOODS, & HARDWARE,

Also, Pewter, Steel, Nails, Lead, & Shot, Porter and Cheese, Allum, Madder, and Copperas, Seine and Sewing Twine, and Queen's Ware in Crates, well assorted, which they offer for sale at their Warehouse on Swift's alley, opposite Patton and Butcher's Store. October 7.

Wanted to Hire,

FIFTEEN or Twenty likely negro fellows, for which a generous price will be given. For terms apply to

NICHOLAS VOSS.

Or in his absence to

JAMES M. M'REA.

Fairfax Street, Dec. 15.

City of Washington,

January 12, 1797.

WANTED for the present year at the public works, in the city of Washington, a number of Laborers, for whom 70 dollars per ann. will be given, or 60 dollars from the 1st of March, to the 20th of December next. They will be found in every thing but their cloathing and attended by a physician at public expence when necessary.

ELISHA O. WILLIAMS.

Wood, and large White Oak Timber.

FOR SALE,

AT the subscriber's plantation, six miles from Alexandria, five to George-Town, and four to the river opposite to the Federal City, a quantity of wood, which he will sell standing, or corded in the woods, as may suit the purchaser. Also, a quantity of large White Oak Timber, such as will answer for gerders, and frames, &c. for houses; and likewise a quantity of Ship Timber, which I will sell at a low price as it stands on the land I mean to clear.

JOHN LUKE.

December 29. 4wiw

JUST RECEIVED,

From New-York, and for sale by

STEPHEN ALLEY,

A general assortment of

Ladies', Gentlemens', and Childrens' SHOES, &c.

December 8.

THE subscriber having declined the Coal business, which he has carried on for some years past at this place, in favor of of Mr. Harry Heth, begs leave to acquaint his friends and correspondents, that Mr Heth has now on hand nearly 800,000 bushels, of a quality much superior to any he has ever seen, owing to its having been raised entirely from open pits, whereby it is wholly free from slate, rusty coal, &c. They may therefore reasonably expect to be supplied the ensuing year with whatever quantity they may order, without suffering any detention.

JOHN SWANN.

HARRY HETH begs leave to inform the public that he has become the principal proprietor of the Black Heath Coal Pits near this place, which have been worked for ome years past by Mr. John Swann, and that he is paying great attention to carry on that business in such a way, as to insure a constant supply—he therefore flatters himself with the hope of being able to answer the principal demand of the United States—having already on hand a very large stock. This Coal has ever been deemed of a quality superior to any in Virginia. He now does business at the office lately occupied by said Swann.

Manchester, Virg.

December 31. 3wep

Bennett and Watts,

Have received by the Brig Liberty, from Philadelphia, the following GOODS, which they offer for sale on moderate terms,

Brass and Brass Headed

And Irons, brass and polished steel Fenders hand bellows, tongs and shovels, Crowley steel in faggots, German do. anvils, and vices, of all sizes, post coffee mills, copper teakettles, joiners plains, Scotch braces and bitts, saws of all kinds, best claw hammers and augers, best FF English glazed gun powder a box of very neat gentlemens', ladies', and childrens' hats, made in the English fashion, mens' English shoes, patent fleecy hosiery, a variety of oil cloths best 10-4 Flanders bed bunts, seine twine of the 1st quality, folio and quarto post paper, foolscap and common do. soal leather, nails, brads, spikes & sprigs, Ticklenburgs, Hessian and British osnaburgs, wool and cotton cards in boxes, tambouring silk and cotton of all colours, tea trays, waiters, &c. &c.

December 10.

Notice.

THE public is hereby cautioned against taking an assignment on two bonds of mine, the one payable to Hugh Stewart and Samuel Love for sixty six pounds two shillings and ten pence; the other for nine pounds, sixteen shillings or there abouts, payable to Benjamin Hutchinson, and assigned by him to the said Stewart and Love, as I have paid the same, and cannot obtain them. I have thought this caution proper to prevent trouble.

JAS. LANE TRIPLETT.

January 3. 3w

For Sale.

NEAR the Great Falls of Potomac, in Loudoun county, 4 or 500 acres of Land sufficiently level for farming. About 100 acres are cleared and but little worn. This tract is well watered, and contains several acres of natural meadow. The timber is oak, hickory, and chelnut, and there is on one part of it a sufficiency of the latter alone to enclose perhaps the whole. Mr. Robert Reed who at present lives on the premises will shew the land to any person wishing to view it, and the terms may be known by a letter directed to the subscriber, and left at the Post Office, Alexandria.

T. FAIRFAX.

January 12. 5w

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 18th inst. a likely young negro woman named ESTHER, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, inclining to fatness. Had on when she went off a grey cloth jacket and brown petticoat. It is presumed however that her dress has been since changed, as she has taken away with her valuable clothes to a considerable amount. The above reward with charges will be paid for securing her in any goal, so that I get her again.

ROB. B. JAMESSON.

N. B. Wanted to purchase or hire, a negro boy of a good character.

December 29.

PHILIP WANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs that he has removed his Merchandize to his Store lately occupied by Janney & Irish, in Prince Street, near Ricketts and Newton's new buildings, where he is opening an extensive assortment of HARDWARE, just received from Europe, and selected from several importations.

A few tons of Pot metal well assorted,
A quantity of 56's and smaller weights,
Soal Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs,
Clover and Timothy seed.

N. B. Having convenient room, intend storage of Flour, and receiving other Merchandize for sale upon commission.

Cash given for flax seed, white beans, &c. wax, and various other kinds of produce.

October 27.

Great Falls of Potomac.

THE President and Board of Directors having ordered me to considerably encrease the number of their hands,—I am ready to engage from 50 to 100 servants on liberal terms for one year.

Any person disposed to send 20 hands, may send with their people an overseer, who will have from 20 to 30 dollars per month, and have the sole direction and charge of the people he brings.

The people will be allowed good rations, a blanket, and medical assistance, should any ailment take place, a doctor being engaged for the use of the workers. I will also give good allowance to a woman who will cook for each squad. Application to be made to me personally or by letter directed thus,

CHRISTOPHER MYERS.
Engineer to the Potomac Comp.
MATILDA,
Via Alexandria,

December 20. tf

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax street, in fee simple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampson's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 33 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The house is a large a story frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is also a frame stable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf-street, 80 feet, running back 106 feet 5 inches to a 10 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now resides. This lot is subject to a ground ren of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY

Mandeville & Jamesson,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

Four boxes, } IRISH LINENS well
One Bale } assorted.
Twenty puncheons 4th proof Rum,
Fresh Raisins in kegs, boxes, & jars,
Do. Figs in frails and jars,
Do. Grapes in jars,
Soft shelled Almonds,
A few boxes Sweetmeats,
Do. Capers.

Also—Coarse and fine Salt, with a very general assortment of Groceries, which they will sell for cash, or at the usual credit.

☞ A good Clerk wanted.

Also, a Black Man to hire as a Porter by the year.

Dec. 8.

THE subscribers have imported in the last vessels from London, and Liverpool,

A CONSIDERABLE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL GOODS.

Which they will dispose of on liberal terms, by the piece or package, to punctual men.

Wm. B. MAGRUDER & CO.

George-Town, Nov. 8. eptf.

Queen's and Glass Ware.

ADAM S. SWOOPE,

THREE Doors above Col. Hoe's, in Prince Street, has just received per the snow Virginia, Capt. M. Butts, and the snow Catharine, Capt. Cazneau, from Liverpool,

A general assortment of

Queen's and Glass Ware,

single and double flint, plain, cut ground, and handsomely cyphered with different letters, which will be sold low for cash.

Queen's ware by the crate.

October 27. eoptf

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